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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Angela Hui et al.

Serial No.: 10/032,757

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Before the Examiner: Marcos D. Pizarro Crespo

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR FORMING DUAL GATE STRUCTURES IN A NONVOLATILE MEMORY USING A PROTECTIVE LAYER

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:


In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 3, 2003 (Paper No. 8), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 3, 2004, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

**Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.**

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**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence (along with any item referred to as being enclosed herewith) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on February 12, 2004.

  
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